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### **Albert (Smokey) Wildeman Named Small Business Journalist of the Year**

**Buffalo** – The Wyoming District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has named Smokey Wildeman, who is the General Manager of Big Horn Mountain Radio Network, as the Wyoming Small Business Journalist of the Year 2007.

This award is given to an individual making concerted efforts to increase public understanding of the importance of small business contributions to the economy; who makes contributions of news and feature stories, editorials, columns and commentary that highlight and analyze small business issues; this person performs volunteer community service aimed at enhancing small business opportunity and growth and other achievements that exemplify the nominee's media efforts to improve the understanding of the role of small business in the U.S. economy.

The President of the United States recognizes contributions of the small business community to the American economy and society by proclamation each year.

Smokey's love of his community has prepared him for serving four times as president of the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce and now serves on the board of directors. He is the Johnson County Emergency Management Coordinator, has served three terms as president of the Lions Club, has served as committee member for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and recently elected to the Johnson County Commissioners. He also supports local schools, organizations, clubs and businesses by being involved in programs and events, either through sponsorship or volunteering his time. He is all about promoting the community along with promoting businesses. His vision of what the business community can accomplish through advertising has always been progressive and he always makes the extra effort to fit current radio promotions to any size business. He is a friend of the community.

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